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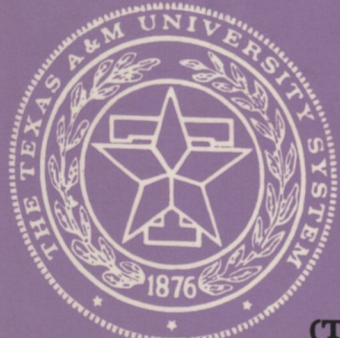
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DEAN SMITH

PRESIDENT THOMAS

MR. BENSON

Ag School Cited In Federal Land Bank Award to College

Prairie View A & M College has received a special medallion presented by the Federal Land Bank for special contributions to agriculture.

The Award, one of a limited number being presented to individuals, educational institutions and other organizations, was presented to officials of the college by Thomas H. Benson, Regional Manager of The Federal Land Bank of Houston. Dr. A. I. Thomas, Prairie View President, accepted the award at a special ceremony attended by college deans and directors.

The medal was authorized by Congress and struck by the U.S. Mint to commemorate the 50th Anniversary of the Federal Land Bank.



MODEL STUDENT—Janice Criner of Athens, Texas is a top scholar and leader in student activities.

"In recognizing your college, we realize that you have not only contributed research which has made American farmers the most productive in the world, but much more important, you have provided services to the people who could make practical application of this scientific information," Mr. Benson said in presenting the Award.

Dr. Thomas described a self-study project now in progress by The School of Agriculture and other college areas. He said that the college is projecting its future for several years to come. "We hope that we can continue to make outstanding contributions to American and international agriculture for the next fifty years," the Prairie View official said.

Dr. George L. Smith, Dean of the Agricultural School at Prairie View stood with Dr. Thomas in accepting the award. Other leaders in agriculture who were present included Dr. E. M. Norris, professor of agricultural education and professor J. C. Williams, Supt. of Agricultural Experiment Sub Station No. 18, located at Prairie View.

Prairie View has emphasized agriculture since its establishment in 1876. The college provided the leadership and preparation for all programs, in this and other areas for Texas Negro communities throughout its history.

Funds for Campus Improvements Approved By Board of Directors

The Board of Directors of The Texas A & M University System approved an allocation of \$15,000 for general campus improvements, including hard surfacing streets and parking areas.

The appropriation was sought by President A. I. Thomas as a part of the total campus beautification plan. The plan is to hard-surface all areas of the central campus and all dirt streets and parking areas will be black topped, Dr. Thomas said.

Other aspects of the beautification plan include the establishment of a master street plan. College officials will work with the Waller County Road Commissioner in setting off and naming streets throughout the campus. The President is naming a committee to work out the details of the plan and to provide names for all streets.

In other action, The Board let contracts for the purchase of furnishings for the new li-

brary addition which is nearing completion.

The System architect and the Committee responsible for planning the new dining hall have been meeting once each week in an effort to establish preliminary arrangements for drafting this proposed new facility.

College Purchases New Wagons, Trucks

Three new attractive station wagons and several trucks have been received by the college are now a part of the overall transportation system.

The new equipment is part of a \$60,000 improvement program for the Maintenance and Grounds Department, and a part of overall campus improvement and beautification.

The new station wagons are designed to upgrade the transportation facilities and taxi services for the college

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KEYS TO NEW ROLLING STOCK — Superintendent A. E. LeBeaux, maintenance Department and Transportation, receives keys to three 1968 station wagons from the College Business Manager, H. D. Murdock.



Reverend Wiggins addresses Youth Conference luncheon session

Hundreds of High School Leaders Attend Annual Youth Conference

"Leadership — Future Unlimited" was the theme of the annual Youth Conference sponsored by the college and scheduled Saturday, December 2.

Visiting speakers for the full day conference included Charles Taylor, president of the Lone Star State Ass'n. of Student Councils and the Rev. W. H. Wiggins, Director of Religious Life at Texas College in Tyler. Mr. Taylor, a student at Moore High School, Waco, gave the keynote address Saturday morning, and Rev. Wiggins served as Banquet Speaker Saturday evening.

President A. I. Thomas and Prairie View student leaders participated in the sessions which included discussion groups on Challenging Youth Topics.

These topics included:

1. Accept Opportunity—Assume Responsibility
2. Structure of Leader—Idealistic versus Realistic
3. Leadership Laboratory

The conference also featured a "swap shop" which included the exchange of ideas and attitudes.

Rev. Van Johnson, director of Student Activities at the college was in charge of the program.

"Maturity" Is Theme of the 1967 Religious Emphasis Week

"Evidence of Maturity" is the topic for discussion throughout Religious Emphasis Week which was observed on December 3-7.

Dr. Newton T. Friedman of Temple Emanuel in Beaumont, Texas was the speaker at Sunday morning worship services on December 3. He spoke on the topic: "Evidence

of Maturity - Religiously." Rabbi Newton represents the Jewish Chantague Society as a lecturer.

Other speakers for the week's observance included Dr. Walter O'Connell, Clinical and Research Psychologist at the Veterans Administration Hospital, Houston, Texas, and Dr. George R. Ragland, Head of the Sociology Department at the college.

Dr. O'Connell spoke on the emotional aspects of the topic and Dr. Ragland on "sociological aspects."

LTC Lloyd Stark was guest speaker for a faculty-student luncheon on Tuesday, December 5. A discussion on LSD scheduled for Wednesday evening will be led by Bob Seawell, a University of Houston student.

PV Students Attend World Affairs Meet

Four Prairie View A & M students attended a Conference World Affairs held at Texas A & M University in December. They were Amy Davis, Gladys Lockett, Bobbie Freddie and Oliver Lewis.

ALUMNI NEWS

Local PV Alumni Announces Award

Under the leadership of Dr. P. L. Young, immediate past President of the Prairie View Alumni Association, the organization was able to make the following awards:

\$25.00—English Department (Prize money for essay writing contest)

\$100.00—James Ealey

\$50.00—Scholarship to Ben H. Danford

\$150.00 — Scholarship to Edward Livingston

\$50.00 — Scholarship to Mary Woolf (4 years)

\$350.00 — Scholarship to Athletic Department to purchase books for athletes

\$50.00 — Scholarship to Miss Nelda McNeil

The local organization each year presents awards in the form of trophies, plaques and certificates to outstanding athletes, graduating seniors who have distinguished themselves scholastically, and to students and faculty members having exhibited unique qualities in the areas of leadership. The 1967 recipients were as follows:

Dr. Charles Urdy

Major Ernest Howell

Dr. Noble Armstrong

Mr. Joseph Mack

Mr. James Crawford

Funds for these scholarships were raised through contributions, a Halloween Carnival, Alumni sponsored Faculty Talent Show, Sale of Homecoming buttons, sale of fruit cakes and candy.

Social activities of the local Prairie View organization consisted of a Homecoming Breakfast Dance for Faculty and visitors; breakfast, picnic, hayride, patio party for graduating seniors and buffet supper dance for graduating seniors and visiting Alumni.

The membership of the local Club being composed of members of the Prairie View Faculty as well as individual living in the community and closely associated with the college is keenly aware of the



Edward Livingston received \$150 scholarship from PV local Alumni.

EX-STUDENTS SET PROJECTS

PORT LAVACA — Thirteen new members were welcomed at the meeting of Prairie View Alumni and ex-students association held at the home of Mrs. Jewell Kitchens Tuesday night.

They included Mrs. Norvell Wright of Bay City, Mrs. Wilma Faye Steamer and Mrs. Warnell Woolsey, both of Wharton.

This increases membership in the association to 14 members, all of whom are graduates of Prairie View A & M University.

The scholarship committee announced the Nov. 17 benefit dance, sponsored by the association, netted \$184.89 for the scholarship fund. The group presents a scholarship annually to a graduating senior of Calhoun High School.

The group voted to campaign for local voter registration. They also voted to support the City Parks and Recreation Board committee's recommendation to use Wilkin's Gym for a supervised recreational place for elementary children to use on Saturdays. Two adult chaperones will be on duty each Saturday.

cultural needs of the community and have been privileged on occasions, to present lectures, films and a variety of other entertainment.



YEARBOOK EDITOR — Alphonso Askew is editor-in-chief of the 1968 PANTHERLAND which will be published in May.



FLOWERS FOR MISS HOMECOMING—Mrs. Margaret Jackson Williams, class of '57, receives bouquet from President A. I. Thomas. Miss PV, who was also honored, is shown in the background.

PV Students Get Free Trips To Houston Opera At Jones Hall

Chartered Greyhound buses carried scores of Prairie View

Dr. Thomas Speaks To Scout Leaders

President A. I. Thomas was the principal speaker at the annual Boy Scout Appreciation Dinner held on December 6 at Willie's Steak House in Brenham.

The Prairie View president gave high praise to the community leaders present for their dedication to a very worthwhile program. He emphasized the growing need for leadership in our communities and pledged the interests and cooperation of the college to boy scout work in this area.

Division leaders, Dr. C. A. Wood, chairman and Eddie Harrison, received Certificates of Appreciation for Service to Scouting from The Sam Houston Area Council, Houston.

Prairie View's Cub Pack 441, directed by Mr. Clyde Christopher, presented opening and closing ceremonies. Awards to outstanding units were made by Mr. Harrison and Mr. Stuart Painter, district scout executive.

students to the plush Jesse H. Jones Hall for the Performing Arts in Houston on Sunday afternoon, December 10.

The large and gala student opera party attended the 2:30 p.m. matinee performance of the "Young Lord" by the Houston Grand Opera Association. Maestro Walter Herbert conducted, and the humor saturated opera was sung in English.

The excursion was arranged by the Cultural Series Committee; and every feature of the trip, from transportation via special bus to reserved and highly select opera seats, were completely free for every student opera-goer. Three fourths of the Prairie View party enjoyed the opera from the best of the luxurious main floor seats. Eighty per cent of the remainder of the Prairie View party viewed the opera from the mezzanine, the level on which expensive box seats are located.

Students interested in taking advantage of other opportunities should register at the receptionist's desk in the Memorial Student Center. Registrations will be accepted there in the order requested until limited quota are filled.



NURSING STUDENT INDUCTED IN U. S. ARMY PROGRAM—Fannie M. Reddie (center), a junior in the School of Nursing receives nursing insignia from Dean Rose E. Hynes following induction ceremonies performed by LTC Lloyd J. Stark, professor of Military Science. Miss Reddie, who hails from Henderson, Texas, is the first PV student to be inducted into the U. S. Army Student Nurse Program.

PV Named Test Center For National Teacher Exams

Prairie View A. & M. College has been designated as a test center for administering the National Teacher Examinations on February 3, 1968, Dr. Stafford, Director of the Counseling Center, announced.

College seniors preparing to teach and teachers applying for positions in school systems, which encourage or require applicants to submit their scores on the National Teacher Examinations along with their other credentials

are eligible to take the tests. The examinations are prepared and administered by Educational Testing Service, Princeton, New Jersey.

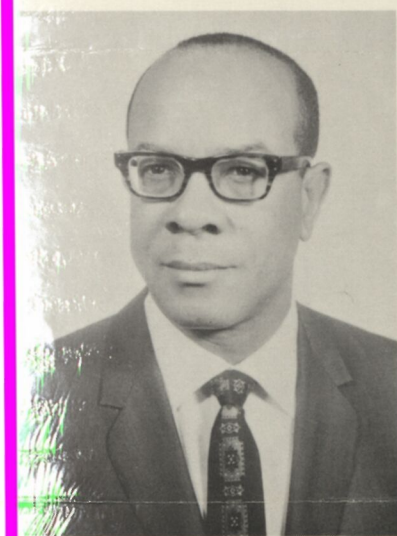
The designation of Prairie View as a test center for these examinations will give prospective teachers in this area an opportunity to compare their performance on the examinations with candidates throughout the country who take the tests, Dr. Stafford said.

Home Economics Dean Appointed

Dr. F. M. Byrd, dean of the School of Home Economics at Prairie View A & M College, has been appointed to positions in two national home economics organizations.

The Prairie View official was recently appointed to the Executive Board of the National Council of Administra-

tors in Home Economics. She has also been named co-chairman of the Home Economics Commission of the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges. She will also serve in 1967-68 as a liaison representative between the two organizations.



DIRECTS CHORALE—Dr. Robert A. Henry directed orchestra and choir in performance of "The Messiah," a real Christmas season treat.



OPERA TRIP—PV students are shown entering Jones Hall — Houston.



PV FACULTY—The entire college faculty, which includes 193 persons posed for the above photograph following the opening Faculty Conference in September.



SPIRIT MAKERS — Closing their outdoor season, the college cheerleaders move to the hardwood as the basketball season gets underway.

New Equipment

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community. They will be used for transporting patrons, including visitors to the campus to and from the bus station. It is proposed that the facilities be used also in transporting members of the college family to and from conferences over the state, whenever necessary.

Maroon in color, the new wagons are eight-passenger, air conditioned with standard equipment. They will be operated by the Maintenance Department.

In addition to the wagons, the college has received two 2½ ton trucks including a dump truck used by the Grounds Department. Custodial services have received a panel van truck. Also received by The Grounds Department are a large tractor and arrearator.

Other transportation facilities on order include eight pickup trucks, a dump truck and two additional 2½ ton trucks.

Rifle Team Defeats Four Teams; Places Third in State Meet

The Panther Team, led by Cadet Carroll Craney, defeated Rice University, St. Mary's University and Two Teams from Texas College of Arts and Industries to finish third in the Fourth U. S. Army Marksmanship competition on December 2, 1967.

Thirty five marksmen from six colleges and universities competed at Ft. Sam Houston and Cadet Craney fired 270 of a possible 300 points to clinch the third place award.

The Panther rifle team fired a total of 1220 of the 1500 points maximum. The University of Houston, with four out of its five team members selected as All-Americans, fired a score of 1310 to take first place. The University of Texas squeezed in second by firing a score of 1265, just 45 points better than the Panther's score.

SPORTS NEWS

Panther Cagers Make Good Start, Win Four of First Five

The Panther basketball team has won four of its first five games, losing only to Pan American in a game played at Edinburg.

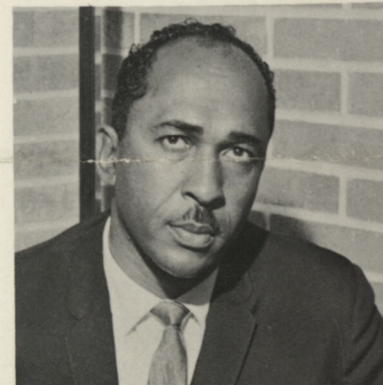
Carl Settles, sophomore guard, has paced the Panthers, scoring an average of 20.9 points per game. David Mitchell, a junior and forward has averaged 19.0 points. Marcus Boney leads in rebounds with 14 and Mitchell is second with 12.

Coached by Leroy Moore, the Panthers complete the pre-holiday schedule playing Howard Payne Saturday night in Brownwood. The Team will open the conference schedule

with Arkansas AM&N here on January 6.

Record to date:

Our Score		Their Score
87	East Texas State	62
96	St. Edwards	85
78	East Texas State	73
86	Pan American	96
114	Huston-Tillotson	92



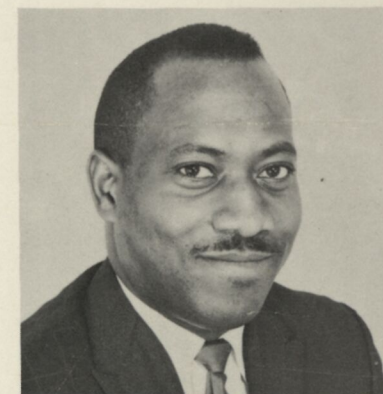
COACH LEROY MOORE
Opens 1967-68 Cage season

Gridders Finish With 5-5 Record

The Prairie View Panthers evened their seasons record at 5-5 by defeating the Wiley College Wildcats 16-13 at Alumni Stadium in Marshall last Saturday.

Quarterback Robert Hamilton fired a pair of scoring strikes in the first half and James Williams added a 15-yard field goal to give the Panthers a 16-7 halftime lead. Hamilton hit Charles Williams with a 26 yard TD pass and Nolan Bailey in a 17 yard scoring pass.

The Panthers lost to Texas Southern in their annual meeting in Houston on November 1, but the game was close and the injury-ridden Panthers made a gallant stand.



COACH HOOVER WRIGHT
Closes grid season; ready for track

SEASONS RECORD

PV 6—Jackson 19
PV 20—Southern 3
PV 10—Grambling 13
PV 31—Bishop 12

PV 7—Arkansas AM&N 65
PV 19—Mississippi Valley 13
PV 25—Allen Univ. 22
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